

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of application No. 09/871,637, which was filed June 4, 2001.

Claims 10-12 are now pending in this application, with Claim 10 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-9 and amended the specification.

The changes to the specification incorporate the changes made in the parent application and cross-reference that application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants claim priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-180907, filed June 16, 2000. A certified copy of the priority document was filed on January 14, 2002, in the parent application. Applicants request acknowledgement of the receipt of this document.

Also, Applicants have enclosed a copy of the Assignment and accompanying transmittal filed in the parent application. Those papers were recorded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 4, 2001, at Reel 011866, Frame 0264.

Applicants request favorable consideration of the present application and early passage to issue thereof.

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